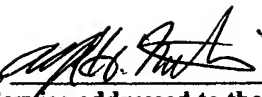


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In re Application of:)

Wang, Phillip Hua-Kuan)

Serial No. 10/045,207)

Filed: October 22, 2001)

For: **OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTING AND)
ALIGNING METHOD AND DEVICE)**

Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Eric Hug

AMENDMENT

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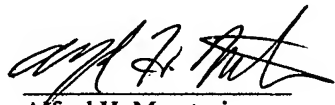
In respect of the Office Action mailed 15 November, 2004, kindly consider the following amendments and the accompanying remarks.

Please replace the current claims with those as shown on the following page. In the claims, Claim 3 has been canceled and Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of the third axis. Currently claims 1, 2 and 4 are pending.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the third axis, thereby claiming three axes of rotation about the fiber end. As this limitation is in both independent claims 1 and 4, and has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted, therefore, that claims 1 and 4 and dependent claim 2 are allowable over the prior art of record, and early indication of the same is respectfully requested. Should there be any other outstanding issues, it is hereby requested that the undersigned be contacted at 336 391-4383, so that these issues can be corrected promptly.

Respectfully Submitted,

December 2, 2004


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